v) increasing productivity in both underground and open cast mines.

vi) emergency coal production has been planned for increasing production in existing mines/projects.

Efforts are being made to exploit and use Coal in a judicious and environment friendly manner. Other sources of energy including environment friendly alternative sources of energy are also being exploited.

**Coal accumulation in Jharkhand**

†2725. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that heavy stock of coal has accumulated at the pit head of three coal companies namely, CCL, BCCL and ECL situated in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Good monsoon during the year 2005-06 resulted in unprecedented growth in hydel power generation and thus adversely affecting the demand of coal by thermal power stations. Improved availability of imported coal has also affected the despatch of coal.

(c) Coal India Limited has been advised to increase the sale of coal under e-marketing and the Thermal Power Stations have been advised to build up stock of coal at the normative level, in order to liquidate the stock.

**Regulatory Commissions for Coal and Telecommunications**

†2726. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any regulatory Commission is likely to be constituted for coal also on the lines of the similar commission constituted for Power and Telecommunication, so that, interests of the consumers are protected; and

(b) if so, by when?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.